

Village of Fall Creek
Minutes of Community Relations, Recreation & Health Committee Meeting
July 27, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 5:01 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Chairperson Matt Mattoon, Ryan Aylesworth, Karen Hurd. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Administrator Jared McKee, Clerk/Treasurer Renee Roemhild, Computer IT Consultant Kevin Meinholz. Also Present: 2 citizens.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted at the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
5. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Hurd/Aylesworth) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **Recognition of Visitors/Citizen Input:** Richard Ziemann was curious of what was done with the septic system at Keller Park. Chairperson Matt Mattoon requested moving ahead in the agenda to the New Business item.
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Village Push Notifications:** Chairperson Matt Mattoon stated the topic has been brought up to see if there was something that could be added to the Village website so a person could sign up to receive notifications if they desired.

Computer IT Consultant Kevin Meinholz reported on an option available that would integrate well with our current website program, Word Press. He stated he pursued an option that offered email notifications only, as adding a texting option would become very costly. Meinholz showed examples of how a person would sign up for the notifications, the process and options that could be available, as well as reviewing the administration steps. For a simplified setup as described, Meinholz estimated no or very limited yearly cost and an initial setup cost not to exceed \$200.

To give the committee all the information researched, Mattoon gave a summary of the other options reviewed:

Living Local, cost of \$13,000 and up. Discussion took place that the cost was too high, and their services were meant for a larger municipality.

Town Web, used by City of Augusta, annual cost of approximately \$500. Discussion took place that we prefer our current website arrangement.

- MOTION (Hurd/Aylesworth) to recommend the Village Board go with Kevin Meinholz's recommendation to go with Word Press and to approve any initial cost needed and to hire him for the setup work. PASSED, without negative vote.
- B. Pickleball/Basketball Court Concepts:** Administrator Jared McKee reported we hired Ayres & Associates to put together two options, one for the current location of the tennis courts and one that would be located on the other side of the street, across from the cemetery. We have had both options up on the Village website, asking for comments. McKee said he has received quite a few comments and people are excited about the idea of getting pickleball courts. He said some people like the idea of having the courts close to the other park amenities, and some like the idea of extending the park across the street. The committee discussed both options in detail.

- MOTION (Aylesworth/Hurd) to recommend the Village Board recommend to the Board a hybrid approach that would move tennis and pickleball courts across the street and the basketball courts in the current area. PASSED, without negative vote.
- C. **Park Improvements/Possible Partnership:** Trustee Karen Hurd said she was approached by Xcel Energy that they were willing to partner with the Village and pay for putting in a long grass/wildflower riparian border by the boat landing in an effort to keep the geese from coming up from the pond and making a mess in the grass, and to prevent chemicals from stormwater runoff from going into the pond. Discussion took place that it wouldn't keep the geese out of the park and the desire to maintain this area with park space that people can recreate in, rather than having a long grass, nature area in that location.
 - MOTION (Hurd/Aylesworth) to table the riparian project indefinitely. PASSED, without negative vote.
- 7. **Old Business:** Discussion took place that we are expecting to hear regarding the DNR grant application this fall.
- 9. **Adjourn @ 6:09 p.m.**

Renee Roemhild, Clerk/Treasurer